

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Further to the Amendment filed July 9, 2007, enclosed hereto are Verified English translations of JP 2003-043076 (filed on February 26, 2003), and JP 2003-049798 (filed on February 26, 2003), each of which has a filing date prior to the Foreign Application Priority Date of March 19, 2003 of Toyoda.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 208-4030 (direct line).

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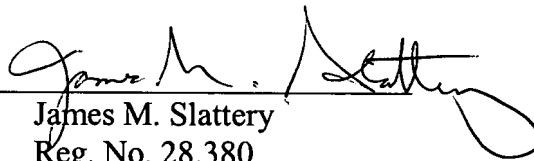
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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Enclosed: Verification of Translation (1 Page)
English Translation of JP 2003-43076 (21 Pages)
English Translation of JP 2003-49798 (22 Pages)